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SOMETHING DOING.

Sure enough, there is something doing in the Missouri legislature. The Tubbs anti-tipping bill passed the house almost unanimously—117 to 14. No party lines there! It will pass the senate, and if Gov. Folk should refuse to approve it, the temper of our law-makers is such that they will pass it over his head.

That's the way to legislate. Make it unanimous—when important measures like this are involved, in which we have such a vital interest. Think of it! This law will prevent us from throwing away our money! When we go to the city, rub up against a 10-cent lunch counter and order denatured ham and eggs, it will do the waiter, no good to be extra polite. This law protects us. Under penalty of \$5 to \$500 we are not allowed to throw our bank roll at him.

And the same law protects us when we glide over the state in Pullman palace cars. If we poke out our brains for a "shine," it will do the porter no good to tell his hard-luck story. We can't help him.

That's what we need—law. Tubbs of it! But there was one thing that escaped the eagle eye of the legislature. No penalty is provided for "stripping" a legislator.

Matters are moving along nicely at Washington. After nearly two months of wind-jamming congress has agreed that the president had the authority to dismiss the negro troops. The Reed Snoot case is now the "paramount issue" and will have the door until adjournment. It is reasonably certain that the appropriation bill will pass.

Rivers everywhere are high and in many places overflow the banks. A few miles below Cairo the Mississippi is reported sixty miles wide and thousands of acres of land are covered in Mississippi. New Madrid and Paducah counties, it is predicted that within a few days trains will be unable to reach Bird's Point.

Courtesy. Vaughn, Raymond and Ryan, who killed two prison officials and wounded others while attempting to escape from the penitentiary, more than a year ago were tried at Jefferson City this week and sentenced to death.

AROUND BENTON.

W. J. Slinkard and John Hest, of Cape Girardeau, were here Friday. Mr. Slinkard says the water of Cape Girardeau creek can never be controlled by levees—that the creek bottom has tilted or raised, several feet in places to his knowledge, as the result of levees.

Wm. Graham and A. B. Follens, welders of the bottom below Commerce, were here Saturday. They report most of the corn in that locality saved.

The band concert and picnic at the court house Wednesday night was fairly well attended and a great satisfaction.

R. W. Huley came over from Chaffee Wednesday and, of course, had to make a noise about the growth of that town.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris died Sunday and was buried at the Benton cemetery Monday.

R. W. Murphy was here from Morley Monday and reported his young son child sick.

The popcorn party given at Mrs. R. L. Stubbins' last Friday night was a success.

Charles E. Bonifant came up from Cairo to spend Sunday with pa and ma.

Reese and Linn Allen of Cape Girardeau, were here a few days last week.

Frank Taylor and Miss Bertha Bertrand visited at Silverville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Essner and daughter spent Sunday at the Cape.

Chas. Bertrand is down with rheumatism so that he can't move himself.

The Kicker wants a few loads of cork wood—14 to 16 inches long.

James Joyce and Syl Vaughn visited at James P. Norris' Sunday.

Miss Tudie Adams returned from school at Fredericktown Sunday.

Ben Huber left Sunday for Farmington, to visit home folks.

Ernest Moore, visited at Commerce Sunday.

Pea-threshing is again in progress.

FROM CROSS PLAINS

Mrs. Duvall is undergoing an operation of having a cancer removed. Dr. Patterson, of Charleston is her physician.

The Farmer's Union elected Thos. Chewning, George Vinyard and other delegates to the Claypool Lodge.

Mr. James Hinkle and Mrs. French and son, Barney, were at Charleston Sunday.

With snakes, flies and fleas in January—what does it mean?

Roy Kneisel and wife spent Sunday with Mr. Denton's family.

Ernie Martin moved to the North Cut Cypress Tuesday.

Church was well attended here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Davenport visited Mrs. Lucy Lambert Sunday.

Mr. Finley and wife visited Wm. Utzgo's Sunday.

FROM ORAN.

At the Oran Baptist church Sunday morning the subject was the "Golden Rule." The pastor brought out the distinction between the Iron Rule of Cain, "Might Makes Right," and the Silver Rule of Confucius, "Live and Let Live," and compared them with the Golden Rule, as given by Christ, which is the rule of love—"Bear ye one another's burdens." At the evening services the subject was "Hell's Fire." Presented from a biblical point of view it was held that literal fire would not be inconsistent with the torments of the damned. Actual fire would be only a weak and small factor of the self-inflicted pains of the damned. Instances were cited in which the remorse of lost souls compelled expression even in this life. What then must be the intense agony of the soul when its vision is cleared and it realizes what it could have been, what heaven is, and what hell, its eternal abode, is and forever must be a self-inflicted damnation!

August Goshe, a land owner near Caney Creek and south of that stream, says that he is opposed to building a levee on the south side as is now contemplated. That several efforts have been made to levee against the annual overflows, but none of them ever gave satisfaction. A magazine devoted to agriculture in this section has published an article on this patch work. The only thing that ever will give relief is ditching and this can only be done by a ditch larger than any that has yet been constructed in the country. He would begin the ditch west of the Frisco railroad running nearly west leaving the old Merfhar and Beech Ridge on the south and strike Caney Creek at or near the farm of A. J. Miller, thence south along Caney Creek.

We are in receipt of the January number of the Educational Outlook, a magazine devoted to education in Southeast Missouri and published at Cape Girardeau. Prof. Henry S. Moore, a former Oran boy, is chief editor. The magazine is ably edited and the mechanical work neatly done. The article, "Culture in Public Schools," by A. C. Magill, principal of the Bonne Terre schools, should be read by every teacher and every member of school boards in the county.

A wreath passed over the county Saturday evening near Brooks Junction, damaging the cars through which it passed. A Frisco freight train that was passing at the time was struck and the force of the wind blew the roof off three freight cars and threw them across the tracks, compelling the train to stop.

A prominent business man said Saturday of look for times to be harder money matters to the degree this year than at any time since 1893. He said that he had seen such a case as we have here, that it will be a hard year, confined principally to Southeast Missouri.

A tramp struck town Thursday. At some places where he applied for a job he was refused to admit work. He said he was not sure as to who was the good Samaritan, those who had refused to those who requested that he be let work.

The ladies of the Oran W. C. T. U. will give a Christmas Union service at the Methodist church next Wednesday at 7 p. m. Every member of the organization is requested to attend as business of importance will come before the meeting.

Friday Dr. Harris reported that the treatment of Ed. H. Finley had been successful. Every precaution was taken to prevent the spread of the disease. Tuesday Mr. Finley reported the good better.

Ed. McFallen went to Cape Girardeau, St. Louis, and purchased some plants and seeds from a Virginia brother for \$100. We are glad to see him back here, brought into the county.

Tom Huber, brother of the one reported statement that the earth is round, "off his" says Tom, "how did they get water all over and around it during the flood?"

At a meeting of the trustees of the Methodist church Monday night it was decided to sell the personages situated in the extreme north part of town and buy property more centrally located.

Mrs. B. F. Allen of Cape Girardeau, accompanied by Miss Meyer of Seaway Ark., were here Monday. They took the evening train for Blodgett.

Luke Hodges sold his residence property in the Matthews addition to Mrs. Rhodes, of Tennessee. Hodges will go to Springfield, Mo.

J. A. Richards, first assistant teacher here, spent Saturday and Sunday with his family at Marlin Hill.

Robert Wright, formerly of this place, is now with the Norvell-Sharp High Hardware Co., of St. Louis.

Theon Heisserer has bought of Elmer Joyce and Lee Bizzell their farms of 80 and 40 acres respectively.

Reese Allen, who has been clerking for Moore & Stubbins, returned to his home at the Cape Sunday.

The roads between here and Benton that were almost impassable last week, are drying up fast.

Supt. B. Hugh Smith is to be here Saturday to organize a teachers' township association.

J. E. Kershaw, organizer of the farmers unions, will speak at Metz Hall Tuesday night.

Attorneys Arnold and Moxley, of Benton, were here Thursday.

Mrs. J. L. Howie and Mrs. Dr. C. D. Harris, of Morley, were shopping here Saturday.

John Steel, Wilbur McMullen and Verge Ketchum have recently moved to town.

Arthur Emory, of the firm of Emory & Heisserer, was in town last week.

R. F. Query, who has been sick for several weeks, is reported much better.

W. H. Stubbinsfield and Theon Heisserer were at Benton Thursday.

V. L. Harris and C. F. Bonifant, of Benton, were here Monday.

FROM KELO.

Ferdinand Seyer and Frank Messmer, Sr., were just about to close a real estate deal whereby Seyer would trade his house and lot in Kelo to Messmer for the latter's farm and farming implements. Of course, the latter was to receive an additional sum of money. The date had been set for drawing up and signing of the papers. But when the time drew near Frank took another good look at his mules, cows, farm, etc., and concluded that he would raise the price \$2,000.00—it being originally \$6,500.00. Seyer couldn't see his way clear to take such a big jump and decided to remain where he is.

Leo Dohogne had business at Illinois Sunday afternoon. This was very unpleasant for Leo as he was, (by this business trip), compelled to be absent when the roll was called at John Dohogne's home. To comprehend the situation you'll have to consider that John has a hired girl. It is rumored that Leo was marching home very briskly on said night, whistling and singing: "I've a longing in my heart for you Louise." That's all right, Leo, she'll forgive you, as we know her to be a good natured girl.

Constantine Dohogne and Alois Felter have sold their wheat threshing outfit to William and Joseph Hines for \$1200.00. Was threshingmen have remarked that the outfit is fully worth \$1500.00; but Mr. Dohogne is now a retired farmer and Mr. Felter does not feel disposed to follow the trade; hence, the cheap sale. It is reported that the glassettlers will establish a saw-mill east of town.

Since it is a settled fact that the second constitutional amendment was carried last November, we think it right and proper that the county should go ahead and do its part now. The said constitutional amendment provided that each county could separately become indebted by issuing bonds, etc., for the purpose of grading, macadamizing, traveling roads, and the building of bridges, culverts, etc.

At their annual meeting, the stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of this place re-elected the entire old board. And the officers and directors now are the same as heretofore, namely: J. F. Diebold, Pres.; Michael Walter, vice-pres.; Leo Dohogne, cashier, with Charles Heisserer and John Schlegel as additional directors.

Chas. Diebold took a notion that he would rather not farm, and take up some mechanical work. He was just on the verge of selling and substituting the place to August Kern, when Florian Rosel made up his mind to buy a farm and bought John L. Diebold's farm for \$1250.00.

We are informed Michael Enderle, who accompanied Peter Schoon of New Hamburg on a trip to the west, is now stopping at Phoenix Arizona. Both seem to be enjoying their trip and don't expect to return here before the latter part of next May or June.

Contractor Schewpker and his assistant Ignatz Burger left here Monday for Charles Rahmiller's near the Rock Church. Mr. Rahmiller is going to have them build a new barn for him.

Our bank cashier informs us that Barney Wagner, of Oran, the mule buyer, will more than likely be here in a few days buying up mules and stock in general.

The dance given at Ex-Squire Hoeber's Saturday evening was not very well attended, due to a down-pouring rain and almost impassable roads.

The Kelo Horse Breeders' Association offer to sell their French Imported Stallion at a bargain. John Schlegel will more than likely buy him.

John Miller and wife of St. Louis are here on an extensive visit. Mr. Miller is very much pleased at St. Louis, and seemingly doing well.

Louis Glick of Anceh, was here Saturday and said that if he could dispose of his property he would try his luck elsewhere.

A new blacksmith was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Stolz and the community is expecting a cut in the price of horse-shoes.

Leo Dohogne and Frank Compas, "footed" it to Edna Sunday. It was not learned which worked in the "head."

Jack Walter, of McMullin, spent Sunday with us, and John Hamm, of New Hamburg, was here Monday.

Miss Bertha Walter, who has been home on a visit, returned Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grojean, of Delray, were here last week.

Sol Hain, of Schererville, was here Sunday.

FROM MACEDONIA.

Our school teacher, Miss Clara Sutherland, was called away to Ohio on account of the death of her brother, who was accidentally killed by an explosion of dynamite. School is closed until her return.

Miss Rose Garvey spent Sunday with home folks. She was accompanied to Commerce Sunday evening by Misses Belle Garvey and Addie Sanders.

Charley Sanders, wife and niece, Miss Bessie Davis, who have been visiting relatives here, returned to their home at Marion, Ill., Sunday.

Misses Mildie, Jennie, Addie and Mary Sanders, and Bessie Davis spent Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Dave Spradlin.

Rich Sanders and wife and Flora Grows and Jake Wilkinson spent Sunday at the home of Phil Sanders.

Mrs. Bert Sharp, of Edna, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Dave Spradlin, this week.

Misses Belle Garvey and Addie Sanders were at Commerce Sunday evening.

The dance at F. M. Sanders' Saturday night was well attended.

Sam Spradlin was in this neighborhood this week.

Henry Miller was in this vicinity Sunday.

E. F. Warner is sick.

FROM MORLEY.

The following officers were elected for the next term of the Clerical Literary Society: Robert Earles, president; Homer Tomlinson, vice-president; Elmer Montgomery, secretary; Miss Ella Tomlinson, treasurer; John F. Worley, attorney; F. J. Probas, librarian; George Gupion, door keeper; Misses Oda Jacobs and Mamie Probas, critics. The society will debate the Labor Union question at its next meeting.

P. H. Boyce left last week for a month's visit to his mother in New Mexico. He had some dread of being caught in a wreck or washout, but writes back that he arrived safe and sound.

The meeting at the Baptist church is still going on with increasing interest. Seventeen have united with the church since the meeting began.

Lynn Ford, who lived near Bugg Ridge, bought a house here and moved to town last week.

Junnie Evans, who has been very bad sick for about two weeks, is improving.

Mrs. P. A. Smith, of the Hickory Grove neighborhood, has moved to town.

Will Beggs' little 3-year-old boy died of pneumonia week before last.

Dandy Murphy, who has been sick since Christmas, is some better.

FROM WARD'S SWITCH.

Lige Raymond and George Diamond went to Brooks Junction Saturday. The boys say they found plenty of mud down there.

Grandma Smith, Mrs. Wm. Watson's mother, died Tuesday. Rev. Howie preached her funeral at her daughter's home.

Dan Grisham visited home folks in Kentucky the first of the week, returning Friday.

Mrs. Walt Brown and Mrs. Charles Lancaster spent Saturday with Mrs. Abbott.

Walt Brown and wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Dickerson Sunday.

Travis Sexton and sisters, Martha and Little, were to Cary Sunday.

Little Virgie Leak, who has been very sick, is much improved.

Miss Clara Kirby spent Sunday with Miss Mittie Lancaster.

Lewis Suttles and Fola Kirby spent Sunday at Morley.

G. R. Diamond was at Morley Saturday.

FROM CROWDER.

We have been having some winter for the past few days and some of our neighbors have been killing hogs.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Mr. Estes and Miss McCutchen.

Joseph Boyett and Sam Marshall attended the funeral of Mrs. Wallace at Oran Tuesday.

Elmer Webb had the misfortune to fall and break his arm last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Palmer are the proud parents of a new girl.

Mrs. Etta Webb is visiting her sister at Commerce this week.

Mrs. Bessie Bethel visited at Morley Monday and Tuesday.

Willie Lunsford, of Ewing, Ill., is visiting relatives here.

J. W. Carlie was at Benton Tuesday.

FROM McMULLIN.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ranney came over from Commerce last Thursday where they spent a couple of weeks on their way home from Denver, Colo. We are glad to have them with us again and to note the improvement in health.

Rev. Wilber preached two excellent sermons Sunday to very appreciative audiences. Sunday school was very well attended Sunday but let us make it better by our attendance and help. It is our duty and should be our pleasure.

Chas. Finley lost a mule Sunday, said to have been caused by the bite of a mad dog. Chas. has an infected hand caused by a skin eruption while treating the mule.

Mrs. Geo. Clifford entertained a few friends at supper Thursday evening in honor of her son, Andrew's, 20th birthday.

We are informed that W. M. Witche has bought a farm in Illinois and is thinking of moving to it in the spring.

Miss Hyacinth Shepherd, of Sikeston, was the guest of Miss Bessie Barry this week.

Miss Carrie Ranney, of Jackson, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ranney this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merritt invited a number of friends to dine with them Sunday.

FROM PRICE'S LANDING.

Our school teacher, Mr. Waymeyer, after an absence of three weeks resumed teaching Monday. He had received a sprained ankle during holidays and could not come sooner.

The farmers union held a meeting here Tuesday night and seven more members were added to the roll, making a total of sixteen.

Lindsay Brown and Mr. Ryalls have lost several sheep lately by sheep-killing dogs.

Mr. Ryalls, one of our progressive farmers, killed two wild geese at one shot Wednesday.

Anderson & Goodin, stock dealers, were in this vicinity last week buying cattle and hogs.

Ditches and Levees seem to be the all important topic of conversation at present.

The dance at Bud Busby's Wednesday night was well attended.

Miss Hannah Harness is attending school at the Cape.

Collector Chrimson was in this vicinity last week.

E. L. Brown was in this vicinity last week.

Everything you need the year around is on sale in our dissolution and closing out sale. Moore & Stubbins, Oran.

FROM BLODGETT.

At the school house Friday afternoon the Optimus Society, which is formed by the pupils of Principal Hall's room, entertained the pupils from all the rooms with their carefully prepared program, which was rendered in Miss Shell's room. About the most interesting part of the program was a debate between Jared Sparks and Olin England on the subject, "Resolved, that wealth is of more advantage than education to a young man starting out in life."

The school teachers of Sandywoods and Twappy township held an association here Saturday, at which there was a very good attendance.

Mrs. Watta, after visiting her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Stubbs, for several weeks, returned to her home at Farmington Monday.

Sam Wallace went to Oran Friday to accompany his mother that far on her way home.

Mrs. Williams, of Lutesville, preached at the Methodist church Monday night.

Miss Mattie Moxley, of East Prairie, visited her sister, Miss Audrey, here Saturday.

Mrs. Hay and daughter, Miss Rowena, of Charleston, visited Claude Hay Tuesday.

Finis Holland returned Monday from a week's visit to relatives at Bertrand.

James McKinzie, of Paragould, Ark., is visiting his brother at this place.

Messadme Tom Adams and Lizzie Myers visited in Morley Saturday.

Miss Bessie Bradley, of East Prairie, spent a few hours here Sunday.

Burks and Burks shipped a couple of cars of hogs and cattle Tuesday.

Ed Chewning and wife visited Jim Chewning at Chaffee Saturday.

George Buchanan and wife were in Sikeston a few hours Tuesday.

John Werneke returned Tuesday from a trip to Fredericktown.

Dr. Ogilvie and Claud Hay visited in Charleston Sunday.

Sam Shomaker was here from Charleston Saturday.

FROM OWENSBY DISTRICT.

Our Ladies' Aid is talking of giving a box supper soon. But it is so common for ladies to "talk."

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hand, Bud Pate and family and Nest Anderson are all on the grunt list.

The big meeting is still going on at Cary. Those people ought to get good.

While doctoring a sick horse John Reese got his shoulder hurt Sunday.

Mrs. Edna Pate visited her daughter, Mrs. Kate Vanduyke last week.

Bob Finley and wife spent Sunday with the family of Wm. Utzgo.

Mrs. Cynthia Pate spent Sunday with Mrs. Maggie Lemley.

The ruins have provided us with plenty of baptizing holes.

Tom Owensby went to Oran Sunday.

FROM OAK GROVE.

Mrs. N. G. Hopper visited her daughter, Mrs. Cora Thompson Sunday.

Bud Huey and wife spent Sunday at the home of J. T. Huey.

The dance at John Brown's Friday night was well attended.

Farmers union meets at Oak Grove every Saturday night.

Omer Felty is visiting his brothers, Ole and Ed, Felty.

Oak Grove school now has an attendance of 50.

J. D. Utterback was at Sikeston Sunday.

Chas. Brown was at N. G. Hopper's Sunday.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Joe Erlahn hauled a load of peas to Chaffee. The miserable roads fatigued his team so that he had to leave the wagon down there and load the horses home. He got two dollars a bushel and Joe felt very sorry to have to walk home.

Bernard Hering went to Oran Monday morning and when he returned he said, "The roads are almost too bad to travel, but if a man wants to keep up a family he is bound to go."

Leo Westrich has sold his old "Bob." He thought "Bob" was the cause of it that can't find any girl.

Frank Kankle, of Kelo, attended church here Sunday and visited the family of Adelbert Blattel.

The dance at John Kern's Friday night was well attended and all present reported a good time.

Leo Brucker spent a few days at Edna last week. Wonder why he is there so often?